

our intelligence information. No agency director likes this evaluation because it forces questions to be answered on such fundamental issues as to whether or not community-wide budget and personnel resources are being directed in the right areas. Directors naturally resist a comparison of the value of their agency's work versus the value of the work of other agencies. Nonetheless, Mr. Simon chose to take on the agency heads in the Intelligence Community because it was the right thing to do.

The DCI has made an excellent choice in recommending Mr. Simon to the President. Mr. Simon should be confirmed by the Senate. I believe his services as the Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Administration will have a significant and lasting impact on the Intelligence Community. I urge my colleagues to support this nomination.

The nomination considered and confirmed follows:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

James M. Simon, Jr., of Alabama, to be Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Administration. (New Position)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of Senate Resolution 48 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 48) designating the week beginning March 7, 1999, as "National Girl Scout Week."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I am very proud to introduce this Resolution with my colleague Senator HUTCHISON, who, like me, is a former Girl Scout. This Resolution designates next week as National Girl Scout Week. I am so happy that we are able to recognize the important achievements of the Girls Scouts with such broad bipartisan support. Scouting instills the values that really matter—duty, honor, patriotism and service. I am so proud to honor the Girl Scouts for all they do to prepare our young women to be leaders for the future.

As a Girl Scout, you participate in a broad range of activities—from taking nature hikes to taking part in the arts.

You serve in local food banks and learn about politics. The skills, values and attitudes you learn as a Girl Scout can help guide you through your life. As your skills grow, so will your self confidence. Eventually you will earn your badges which will serve as symbols that you are succeeding and doing something constructive for your community. You learn the importance of treating other people fairly and with the dignity they deserve. You have the confidence to know that you can reach your goals. You can learn to be a leader.

In today's hectic world, Scouts are more important than ever. Young boys and girls desperately need before and after school activities to keep their active minds' focused. They need adult role models like their Girl Scout leaders, who are dedicated to inspiring young people.

As the Senator from Maryland, one of my highest priorities is to promote structured, community-based after school activities to give children more help and more ways to learn. After school activities also keeps children stay out of trouble and keeps them productive. That's just what the Girl Scouts do. They promote character & responsibility. They teach the arts and cultural activities. They give kids the tools for success.

I applaud the Girl Scouts. I also thank them for what they did for me and what they do for millions of young women across the country. I hope the Resolution that Senator HUTCHISON and I have introduced here today calls more attention to the good work of the Girl Scouts. I hope it shows that there are solid after school activities that children can actively participate in while learning real life skills. Mr. President, I congratulate the Girl Scouts as they celebrate their 87th anniversary. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important Resolution.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 48) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 48), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 48

Whereas March 12, 1999, is the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;

Whereas on March 16, 1950, the Girl Scouts became the first national organization for girls to be granted a Federal charter by Congress;

Whereas through annual reports required to be submitted to Congress by its charter, the Girl Scouts regularly informs Congress of its progress and program initiatives;

Whereas the Girl Scouts is dedicated to inspiring girls and young women with the

highest ideals of character, conduct, and service to others so that they may become model citizens in their communities;

Whereas the Girl Scouts offers girls aged 5 through 17 a variety of opportunities to develop strong values and life skills and provides a wide range of activities to meet girls' interests and needs;

Whereas the Girl Scouts has a membership of nearly 3,000,000 girls and over 850,000 adult volunteers, and is one of the preeminent organizations in the United States committed to girls growing strong in mind, body, and spirit; and

Whereas by fostering in girls and young women the qualities on which the strength of the United States depends, the Girl Scouts, for 87 years, has significantly contributed to the advancement of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning March 7, 1999, as "National Girl Scout Week"; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning March 7, 1999, as "National Girl Scout Week" and calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 56 introduced earlier today by Senators COVERDELL and TORRICELLI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 56) recognizing March 2nd, 1999, as the "National Read Across America Day," and encouraging every child, parent and teacher to read throughout the year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ALLARD. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 56) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 56), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 56

Whereas reading is a fundamental part of life and every American should be given the chance to experience the many joys it can bring;

Whereas National Read Across America Day calls for every child in every American community to celebrate and extoll the virtue of reading on the birthday of America's favorite Doctor—Dr. Seuss;

Whereas National Read Across America Day is designed to show every American child that reading can be fun, and encourages parents, relatives and entire communities to read to our nation's children;

Whereas National Read Across America Day calls on every American to take time